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Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/117 on human rights and human responsibilities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on Human Rights,[1] which declares, inter alia, that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that everyone is entitled to enjoy their rights and freedoms without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Recalling also the Vienna Declaration on Human Rights,[2] which declares, inter alia, that human rights are universal, interrelated, interdependent and indivisible,

1. *Expresses concern* that the content of the pre-draft declaration on human social responsibilities, contained in annex I to document E/CN.4/2003/105, runs counter to these fundamental principles by seeking to make the enjoyment of human rights conditional;

2. *Decides* therefore to request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights not to proceed with the actions requested of it by Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/117 of 21 April 2004;

3. *Decides also* that the present decision overrides Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/117.

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] General Assembly resolution 217 A (iii).

[2] A/CONF.157/24 (Part 1), chap. III.

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